

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 31, 2008 the Office noted that claims 11 and 14-20 were pending and rejected claims 11 and 14-17, 19 and 20 and objected to claim 18. Claims 11 and 14 have been amended, claim 18 has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 11, 14-17, 19 and 20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claim 18 would be in a condition for allowance if re-written in independent form. The Applicants thank the Office for the consideration given the claims. Claim 11 has been amended to include the feature of claim 18 and therefore, it is submitted that the independent as now recited is allowable.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11, 14-17, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Salzman, U.S. Patent No. 5,423,320 in view of Fiddian-Greene, U.S. Patent No. 6,238,339. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

The Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the features of claim 18 which the Office considers allowable. It is

thus, submitted that the claims as now recited are allowable.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 11 and 13-20 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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